

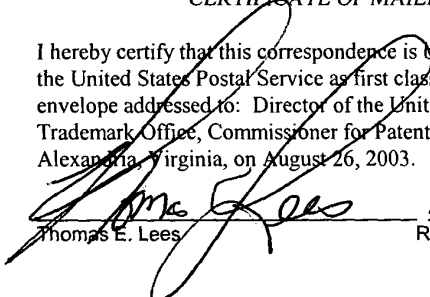
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OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

This Official Communication is in regard to a divisional patent application filed herewith, which claims priority to currently pending patent application Serial No. 10/209,504 filed July 31, 20002.

This divisional application is being filed in the present case by filing a new specification with new claims, along with the oath or declaration from the prior (parent) application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b). The text of the newly filed specification includes changes from the specification originally filed in the prior parent patent application from which this continuation claims priority.

For the convenience of the Examiner, enclosed herewith, is a marked up version of the new specification showing the changes made. The changes made thereto do not introduce new matter. Rather, the changes are presented for contextual purposes, to

provide clarity, and to incorporate changes made during the prosecution of the prior, parent application.

This divisional application is also being filed with corrected drawings to incorporate corrections to the figures. The changes made herein are presented for contextual purposes, to provide clarity, to correspond with the changes to the specification as described above, and to incorporate changes that were made during the prosecution of the prior, parent application. Enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner is a courtesy marked up copy of the amended figures labeled "Annotated Sheet Showing Changes", which clearly indicates the proposed changes. It is submitted that these changes to the drawings do not introduce new matter into the application. Approval of the proposed changes is hereby requested.

Briefly, Figure 2 is amended herein to include the cross-sectional label 4-4. Support for this change can be found in both the specification and figures as originally filed. For example, in the Brief Description of the Several Views of the Drawings, Fig. 4 is identified as a cross-sectional view of the physical layout shown in Fig. 2 as taken across line 4-4. See for example, page 7, lines 11-12. A cursory view of Figure 4 confirms that the view is a slice taken through the bit lines orthogonal to lines 3-3 and 5-5. Note that a portion of the insulating material has been removed in front of each of the storage nodes to clarify that the storage nodes are indeed formed in part, by a pair of respective layers of insulating spacer material formed over a conductive line.

Figure 3 is amended herein to remove an obviously misplaced reference numeral.

Figure 4 is amended to remove an inadvertent vertical line that obviously does not belong in the figure.

Figure 5 is amended herein to correct obviously mislabeled references. As is clear from the Brief Description of the Several Views of the Drawings, Figure 5 is a cross section taken along 5-5 of Figure 2. A cursory glance of Figure 2 reveals that line 5-5 cuts through the storage node contacts, not the bit line contacts.

The applicants respectfully submit that the claims for the present continuation application represent allowable subject matter. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this Official Communication. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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